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Introduction

What is EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response) system

Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR), also known as **Endpoint Threat Detection and Response (ETDR)** is a cyber technology that continually monitors and responds to mitigate cyber threats.

Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) is a technology used to protect [endpoints](#), which are computer hardware devices, from threat. Creators of the EDR technology-based platforms deploy tools to gather data from endpoint devices, and then analyse the data to reveal potential cyber threats and issues. It is a protection against hacking attempts and stealing of user data. The software is installed on the end-user device and it is continually monitored. The data is stored in a centralized database. In an incident when a threat is found, the end-user is immediately prompted with preventive list of actions

Code Workflow

1. Runs a listening server on a Linux machine.
2. Clients connecting to the server and sends data to the server.
3. Server logs relevant data to log files.
4. Meanwhile, the server monitors if a client has been disconnected and alerts to the screen.

Requirements

Server Side:

- Server running Linux.
- Root privileges user.
- Python 3+.

Client Side:

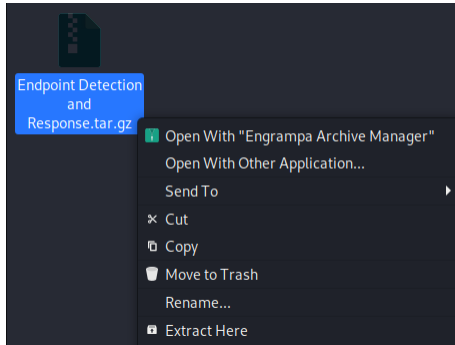
- Any client machine running Windows or Linux.
- Connect to the same local network of the server.
- Internet Connection.
- Python 3+.
- Scapy module
- Bs4 module.
- Lxml.

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Starting the EDR from 0

1. Extract the files to a folder, or simply press Right Click mouse button → Extract Here.



2. Choose a port in the Server.py file to run host the server on:

```
PORT = 1111 # Modify to your liking (preffered 1000+)
```

Figure I: Server.py

3. Set the server's IP address as HOST and the port you chose in Server.py:

```
HOST = '10.100.102.65' # Server IP.  
PORT = 1111 # Server's listening port.
```

Figure II: Client.py

4. Open a terminal in the EDR path, run the Server.py and wait for connections from clients:

```
n and Response# python3 Server.py  
[INFO] Apache2 Server Started (http://localhost:80)  
[INFO] restricted_sites.html copied to /var/www/html  
Edit the file inside /var/www/html to add or remove restricted sites for clients.  
[INFO]Server address binded to self (0.0.0.0)  
[INFO] Listening on port 1111... (Waiting for connections)
```

Figure III: Server.py: First run.

5. Copy the Client.py to all clients you want to monitor. (Make sure they are on the same network) and run Client.py to connect and start the monitoring process:

```
and Response# python3 Client.py  
Trying to connect to the server...  
[INFO] You are connected to: 10.100.102.66 in port: 1111.  
Successfully connected to EDR Server at 0.0.0.0:1111
```

Figure IV: Client.py: First run.

6. You have successfully connected a client. Now do it for all other clients in your network.

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Breaking Down the Program

Code Intro and Objective Setting

```
3  =====
4  Course:
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9  |   Create an Endpoint Detection and Response System (EDR)
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11 |   Robert Jonny Tiger.
12 =====
```

Figure V: Lines 3-12: Basic information, The objective of the program.

Imports

Server Side:

```
import socket
import urllib.request
from pathlib import Path
from subprocess import check_output, run
from threading import Thread
from time import sleep
```

Client Side:

```
import socket
import urllib.request
from os import path, remove
from platform import system
from subprocess import check_output, run
from threading import Thread
from time import sleep
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
• from scapy.all import *
```

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Start of the Program

Server Side:

```
174 # Start of the Script:
175 if __name__ == '__main__':
176     apache2Start()
177     main()
```

Figure VI: Line 175: Start of the program.

Workflow described is: First start an apache2 server, then run the rest of the function. Without apache2 half of the program is not useable. (More info in Functions – Server Side:)

Client Side:

```
161 if __name__ == '__main__':
162     main()
163     Thread(target=restricted_Sites_List_Maker).start()
164     Thread(target=MITM).start()
165     Thread(target=sniff(prn=findDNS)).start()
```

Figure VII: Line 161: Start of the program.

Workflow described is: start the main function, then start 3 threads – each responsible of

completing certain objects. (More info in Functions – Client Side:)

Functions

Server Side:

main

- Binds socket to ((HOST, PORT)), listening to connections, accepting new connections, sets a format for connName.
- Closes all previous connections if Server.py restarted
- Accepts new connections in while True.
- Sends welcome message to new clients, appends new client's socket objects and connName to the lists.
- Starts 2 threads: One for handling clients and the other for checking connections with clients.
- Lists active connections count after a new client has connected.

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```
64 def main():
65     try:
66         serverSocket.bind((HOST, PORT)) # Bind the socket.
67         print(f'[INFO] Server address binded to self ({HOST})')
68     except socket.error as error:
69         exit(
70             f'[ERROR] Error in Binding the Server:\n\033[31m{error}\033[0m')
71     print(
72         f'[INFO] Listening on port {PORT}... (Waiting for connections)')
73     serverSocket.listen(50)
74     for clientSocket in openClientSocketsList:
75         # Closes all previous connections if Server.py restarted:
76         clientSocket.close()
77         # Deletes all previous open client sockets and active addresses from the lists:
78         del openClientSocketsList[:], activeAddressesList[:]

80     while True:
81         try:
82             # Accepts connections:
83             conn, (address, port) = serverSocket.accept()
84             # Appends the client's socket to the list:
85             openClientSocketsList.append(conn)
86             # Set a format for the connName using client's address and port:
87             connName = '{}:{}'.format(address, port)
88             print(f'[INFO] {connName} Connected!')
89             welcomeMessage = f'Successfully connected to EDR Server at {HOST}:{PORT}'
90             # Sends welcome message to the client:
91             conn.send(welcomeMessage.encode())
92             global connectionsCount
93             connectionsCount += 1 # Adding +1 to the connections count.
94             # Appends the new address to the activeAddressesList:
95             activeAddressesList.append(connName)
96             # Prints current connections count:
97             print(
98                 f'[INFO] Number of Active Connections: {connectionsCount}')
99             # Starts a new thread to handle each client (args are the connection and formatted connection name):
100             Thread(target=handleClient, args=(conn, connName)).start()
101             # Starts a checkConnections thread:
102             Thread(target=checkConnections).start()
103         except socket.error as acceptError:
104             print(
105                 f'[ERROR] Accepting Connection from: {conn.getpeername()}\n\033[31m{acceptError}\033[0m')
106             continue
```

Figure VIII: Lines 64-106: main function.

➔ Output:

```
and Response# python3 Server.py
[INFO] Apache2 Server Started (http://localhost:80)
[INFO] restricted sites.html copied to /var/www/html
Edit the file inside /var/www/html to add or remove restricted sites for clients.
[INFO] Server address binded to self (0.0.0.0)
[INFO] Listening on port 1111... (Waiting for connections)
[INFO] 10.100.102.66:36730 Connected!
[INFO] Number of Active Connections: 1
```

Apache2start

- Checks if apache2 is installed. if not - exits the code with a message.
- Starts apache2 server.

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- Copies the local restricted_sites.html to the actual html folder in /var/www/html where apache2 is running from.
- Server admin edits the file inside the /var/www/html to update the restricted sites list.

```
42 def apache2Start():
43     apache2InstallStatus = check_output(
44         "dpkg --get-selections | grep apache2-bin | awk '{print $2}'", shell=True)
45     if apache2InstallStatus:
46         run("service apache2 start", shell=True)
47         try:
48             response = urllib.request.urlopen(
49                 'http://0.0.0.0/restricted_sites.html')
50         except:
51             while response.status != 200:
52                 run('service apache2 restart', shell=True)
53                 sleep(5)
54     else:
55         exit('[ERROR] \033[31mApache2 service is not installed, make sure to install Apache2 and run the server again\033[0m')
56     print('[INFO] Apache2 Server Started (http://localhost:80)')
57     print('[INFO] restricted_sites.html copied to /var/www/html\nEdit the file inside /var/www/html to add or remove restricted
• sites for clients.')
```

Figure IX: Lines 42-57: apache2Start function

➔ Output:

```
n and Response# python3 Server.py
[INFO] Apache2 Server Started (http://localhost:80)
[INFO] restricted_sites.html copied to /var/www/html
Edit the file inside /var/www/html to add or remove restricted sites for clients.
```

handleClient(conn, connName)

- Main function to receive data from all clients.
- Handles client connections using args from main.
- If data has "MAC" in it, logs the data to 'MitM Logger.log'
- If data has "restricted" in it, logs the data to 'Restricted Sites Logger.log'

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```
114 def handleClient(conn, connName):
115     while True:
116         try:
117             data = conn.recv(4096).decode()
118             if "MAC" in data:
119                 # Timestamp for the log file:
120                 timestamp = check_output(
121                     "date -u +'%d/%m/%Y %H:%M'", shell=True).decode().rstrip()
122                 print(
123                     '[WARNING] Possible Man in the Middle attack. Check MitM Logger.log')
124                 with open(f"{PROJECTPATH}/MitM Logger.log", "a+") as MitMLog:
125                     MitMLog.write(
126                         f"[{timestamp}]{TAB_1}[{connName}]:\n{data}") # Logs the MitM attack from the c
127
128             if "restricted" in data:
129                 # Timestamp for the log file:
130                 timestamp = check_output(
131                     "date -u +'%d/%m/%Y %H:%M'", shell=True).decode().rstrip()
132                 print(
133                     f'[ALERT] Someone entered to a restricted site. Check Restricted Sites Logger.log')
134                 with open(f"{PROJECTPATH}/Restricted Sites Logger.log", 'a+') as restrictedLog:
135                     restrictedLog.write(
136                         f"[{timestamp}]{TAB_1}[{connName}]:\n{data}") # Logs the restricted site from t
137                     Sites Logger.log'
138         except:
139             pass
```

Figure X: Lines 114-138: handleClient function.

→ Output:

```
[WARNING] Possible Man in the Middle attack. Check MitM Logger.log
[WARNING] Possible Man in the Middle attack. Check MitM Logger.log
[WARNING] Possible Man in the Middle attack. Check MitM Logger.log
[ALERT] Someone entered to a restricted site. Check Restricted Sites Logger.log
[ALERT] Someone entered to a restricted site. Check Restricted Sites Logger.log
[ALERT] Someone entered to a restricted site. Check Restricted Sites Logger.log
```

The server knows where the data came from and logs its details in the log with the current timestamp.

Appends data to 'MitM Logger.log':

```
o MitM Logger.log Client.py
[31/08/2020 09:08] [10.100.102.65:40428]:
[WARNING]Found MAC address duplication. Possible Man in the Middle Attack!
Check this MAC: 8c:59:c3:ee:da:f5

[WARNING]Found MAC address duplication. Possible Man in the Middle Attack!
Check this MAC: 00:0c:29:7a:f1:37
```

Figure XI: MitM Logger.log

Appends data to 'Restricted Sites Logger.log':

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```
o Restricted Sites L... MitM Logger.log Client.py
[31/08/2020 09:39] [10.100.102.66:36730]:
[ALERT] Entered a restricted website:
9gag

[31/08/2020 09:39] [10.100.102.66:36730]:
[ALERT] Entered a restricted website:
9gag
```

Figure XII: Restricted Sites Logger.log

checkConnections

- Checks which clients are alive by iterating through every client socket object and trying to send a whitespace string.
- If an exception occurs, it means that the client is dead.
- Deletes the client socket object and address from the lists and decreasing 1 from connections count.
- Prints number of current connections.
- Prints a list of the connections if there are any left.
- This check happens every 30 seconds.

```
147 def checkConnections():
148     while True:
149         global connectionsCount
150         if len(openClientSocketsList) != 0:
151             for x, currentSocket in enumerate(openClientSocketsList):
152                 try:
153                     # Send a whitespace to every socket in the list:
154                     pingToClientMessage = ' '
155                     currentSocket.send(pingToClientMessage.encode())
156                 except:
157                     print(f'[INFO] Client {x} Disconnected!')
158                     # Deletes the client socket and address from the lists:
159                     del openClientSocketsList[x], activeAddressesList[x]
160                     connectionsCount -= 1
161                     if connectionsCount == 0: # If no connections left:
162                         print(f'[INFO] No active connections left.')
163                     else: # If there are still connections left:
164                         print(
165                             f'[INFO] Number of Active Connections: {connectionsCount}')
166                         print(f'[INFO] Active addresses connected:')
167                         # Prints a list of the current open connections:
168                         for index, value in enumerate(activeAddressesList):
169                             print(f'{TAB_1}{index}.{TAB_1}{value}')
170                         continue
171                 sleep(30)
```

Figure XIII: Lines 147-171: checkConnections function

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→ **Output:**

```
[INFO] Client 0 Disconnected!  
[INFO] Number of Active Connections: 1  
[INFO] Active addresses connected:  
      0.      10.100.102.66:37836  
[INFO] Client 0 Disconnected!  
[INFO] No active connections left.
```

Client Side:

main:

- Creates a socket object.
- Connects to server and prints the welcome message.

```
30 def main():  
31     global clientSocket  
32     # Client's Socket Object:  
33     clientSocket = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)  
34  
35     print('Trying to connect to the server...')  
36     try:  
37         clientSocket.connect((HOST, PORT)) # Connects to the server's socket.  
38         print(f'[INFO] You are connected to: {HOST} in port: {PORT}.')  
39         welcomeMessage = clientSocket.recv(1024) # Receives welcome message.  
40         print(welcomeMessage.decode())  
41     except socket.error as error:  
42         exit(  
43             f'[ERROR] Connecting to the server failed:\n\033[31m{error}\033[0m')
```

Figure XIV: Lines 30-43: main function

MitM:

- Checks for duplications in ARP table in both Linux and Windows.
- Iterates through the MAC addresses in the ARP table, adding them to a list.
- If a duplication occurs - the value of the MAC in the dictionary will rise by 1.
- For every MAC key that has a value of more than 1, it will send a warning message to the server.
- The scan happens every `sleep(x seconds)` - modify to your liking.

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For Windows OS:

```
52 def MITM():
53     while True:
54         macList = []
55         macDict = {}
56         if runningOS == "Windows":
57             ARPmacs = check_output("arp -a", shell=True).decode()
58
59             for line in ARPmacs.splitlines():
60                 if "dynamic" in line:
61                     macList.append(line[24:41])
62
63             for MAC in macList:
64                 if MAC in macDict:
65                     macDict[MAC] = macDict[MAC] + 1
66                 else:
67                     macDict[MAC] = 1
68
69             for MAC, value in macDict.items():
70                 if value >= 2:
71                     clientSocket.send(
72                         f'[WARNING] Found MAC address duplication. Possible Man in the Middle Attack!\nCheck this MAC:
73 * {MAC}\n\n'.encode())
```

Figure XV: Lines 52-72: MitM function for Windows

For Linux OS:

```
74 elif runningOS == "Linux":
75     ARPmacs = check_output(
76         "arp | awk '{print $3}' | grep -v HW | grep -v eth0", shell=True).decode()
77     for line in ARPmacs.splitlines():
78         macList.append(line)
79
80     for MAC in macList:
81         if MAC in macDict:
82             macDict[MAC] = macDict[MAC] + 1
83         else:
84             macDict[MAC] = 1
85     for MAC, value in macDict.items():
86         if value >= 2:
87             clientSocket.send(
88                 f'[WARNING] Found MAC address duplication. Possible Man in the Middle Attack!\nCheck this MAC:
89 * {MAC}\n\n'.encode())
89     sleep(15)
```

Figure XVI: Lines 74-89: MitM function for Linux

➔ Output:

```
188 [31/08/2020 20:26] [10.100.102.67:37300]:
189 [WARNING] Found MAC address duplication. Possible Man in the Middle Attack!
190 Check this MAC: 8c:59:c3:ee:da:f5
```

The client-side code is responsible on sending the warning message with the duplicated MAC that will be logged to the log file.

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restricted_Sites_List_Maker:

- Creates a list of website names that will be used as arguments for the DNS sniffer.
- The function gets the websites from the restricted_sites.html webpage running on the apache2 server.
- Only the server admin will have access to the html where the blacklist is stored.
- The update happens every `sleep(x seconds)` - modify to your liking.

```
97 def restricted_Sites_List_Maker():
98     while True:
99         # Restricted Websites webpage:
100         restrictedWebsites = f"http://{HOST}/restricted_sites.html"
101
102         HTMLrestrictedWebsites = urllib.request.urlopen(
103             restrictedWebsites).read()
104         soup = BeautifulSoup(HTMLrestrictedWebsites, features="lxml")
105
106         textRestictedWebsites = soup.body.get_text() # Gets text.
107
108         # Breaks into lines and remove leading and trailing space on each:
109         lines = (line.strip() for line in textRestictedWebsites.splitlines())
110
111         # Breaks multi-headlines into a line each:
112         chunks = (phrase.strip()
113                   for line in lines for phrase in line.split(" "))
114
115         # Drops blank lines. Final result:
116         textRestictedWebsites = '\n'.join(chunk for chunk in chunks if chunk)
```

Figure XVII: Lines 97-116: Gets clear website name to add to the list

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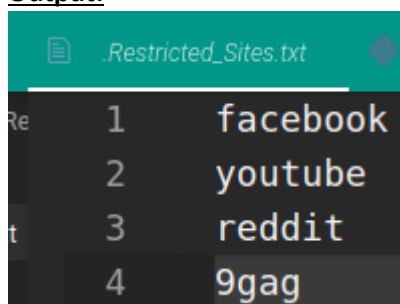
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```
118 # Creates \ Overwrites \ the list of sites to a txt file from the html page.
119 if runningOS == "Windows":
120     if path.exists("Restricted_Sites.txt"):
121         remove("Restricted_Sites.txt")
122
123     with open("Restricted_Sites.txt", "w") as restrictedSitesFile:
124         restrictedSitesFile.write(textRestrictedWebsites)
125         # Makes the file hidden.
126         run("attrib +h Restricted_Sites.txt", shell=True)
127
128     # Appends the site to the restrictedSitesList:
129     with open("Restricted_Sites.txt", "r") as f:
130         for siteLine in f.readlines():
131             restrictedSitesList.append(siteLine.strip())
132
133 elif runningOS == "Linux":
134     with open(".Restricted_Sites.txt", "w") as restrictedSitesFile:
135         restrictedSitesFile.write(textRestrictedWebsites)
136
137     # Appends the site to the restrictedSitesList
138     with open(".Restricted_Sites.txt", "r") as f:
139         for siteLine in f.readlines():
140             restrictedSitesList.append(siteLine.strip())
141
142 sleep(60)
```

Figure XVIII: Lines 118-141: *restricted_Sites_List_Maker* function

Creates a hidden file named 'Restricted_Sites.txt' and makes it hidden so that clients won't have access to modify it. Then, reads every line in the file and appends the line to the restricted sites list. Example: [9gag, youtube, facebook] → That will be the list of restricted sites that the sniffer will use as arguments.

→ Output:



This is the file on the client side. The file is hidden and the list updates every x seconds.

The function iterates through the lines and adds every name of site to the restrictedSitesList.

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findDNS:

- Sniffs DNS queries of the client.
- Gets only the name of the website from the query. Setting it to 'url' variable.
- if the name of the site from the restrictedSitesList found in the current sniffed 'url' variable - sends an alert to the server.

```
149 def findDNS(pkt):
150     if pkt.haslayer(DNS):
151         if "Qry" in pkt.summary(): # Only quearys.
152             # Gets only the name of the website from the queary:
153             url = pkt.summary().split('\n')[-2].replace(" ", "")[2:-2]
154             for site in restrictedSitesList:
155                 if site in url:
156                     clientSocket.send(
157                         f'[ALERT] Entered a restricted website:\n{site}\n\n'.encode())
```

Figure XIX: Lines 149-157: findDNS function

→ Output:

```
1 [31/08/2020 20:48] [10.100.102.67:37578]:
2 [ALERT] Entered a restricted website:
3 9gag
```

The client-side is responsible in sending an alert message with the restricted website to

the server. The server logs the timestamps, address and port of the client and the message itself.